

bringing oysters, which are normally found on the bottom of the ocean, to the surface, the oysters benefit from constant movement which translates into deeper oysters, narrower shells, and a cleaner taste. This method ensures that Gay Island oysters are full and sweet with perfect salinity and consistent taste.

To harvest these oysters, Tara and Barrett first place oyster seedlings in the calmer and less salty waters of the Meduncook River. After about a year they are moved a short distance away to an area between Gay and Morse islands, just off the coast of Cushing. The oysters then remain there for 2 more years before they are ready for harvest and consumption.

Gay Island Oyster Company is proud to remain a small business, and Tara and Barrett believe that their individual attention to detail allows them to ensure that the quality of their oysters will remain high. As a small family owned and operated business, Gay Island Oyster Company's efforts at responsible and sustainable oyster cultivation are a positive contribution towards a sensible use of such a precious resource. While Gay Island oysters are found in numerous restaurants, they can also be ordered from anywhere in the United States online, and are shipped the same day they are harvested to guarantee an unmatched freshness.

Maine's coastal heritage is critical to the past, present, and future of our State. While we often recognize the lobstermen and fishermen who spend long hours hauling in their catches, oystermen and other shellfishermen deserve credit for the intensity of their labors. I congratulate Tara and Barrett Lynde for founding Gay Island Oysters and recapturing a lost part of Maine's aquaculture, and I wish them all the best for many more successful years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:19 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, without amendment:

S. 1660. An act to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products, and for other purposes.

S. 2865. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War and reaffirming the United States-Korea alliance.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3993. An act to require accurate and reasonable disclosure of the terms and conditions of prepaid telephone calling cards and services.

H.R. 5481. An act to give subpoena power to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.

H.R. 5551. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to make a certification when making purchases under the Small Business Lending Fund Program.

H.R. 5569. An act to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until September 30, 2010.

The message further announced that the Clerk be directed to request the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill (H.R. 5136) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

At 1:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom: Ms. Elizabeth W. Prodromou of Boston, Massachusetts, for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2012, to succeed herself, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Mr. Ted Van Der Meid of Rochester, New York, for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2012, to succeed Ms. Nina Shea.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 4:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 1660. An act to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products, and for other purposes.

S. 2865. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War and reaffirming the United States-Korea alliance.

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 7:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3962. An act to provide a physician payment update, to provide pension funding relief, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

At 7:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2194) to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3962) to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3993. An act to require accurate and reasonable disclosure of the terms and conditions of prepaid telephone calling cards and services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 5481. An act to give subpoena power to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.

H.R. 5551. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to make a certification when making purchases under the Small Business Lending Fund Program.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6375. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8830-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 21, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6376. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2010 Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges"; to the Committee on Armed Services.